

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

Volunteer Advocate Program
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 07-56-PAS
TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Title VII of Older Americans Act

Cost-reimbursement grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The purpose of this grant is to provide advocacy functions necessary to maintain health, safety and welfare of elderly residents, 60 years of age or older, who resident in long term care facilities in two regions of the state. Region I, specifically, Essex, Hudson, Morris & Union counties and Region II, Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren counties; to promote their civil and human rights; promote linkages with appropriate service providers and facilitate problem resolution on behalf of clients who are unable or unwilling to advocate for themselves.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Approximately \$100,000 should be available in FY 2006 to fund two awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$50,000 for each regional program. Awards will begin on January 1, 2006 and extend through a 12 month period, ending December 31, 2006. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to the Annual Appropriation Act. Continuation awards within an approved project period will be based on satisfactory progress and availability of funds. Applicants currently receiving Health Service Grants for this program and have performed satisfactorily will be given the first priority for continued funding.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Local agencies, private and public not-for-profit agencies, and community-based agencies. Preference will be given to current recipients of Health Service Grants.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Agencies applying for Title VII funds must be public agencies or private not-for-profit (501C3)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. Contact Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly for information regarding availability of grant awards.
2. Based on funding availability, Letter of Intent should be submitted to the Office of the Ombudsman, with brief description of proposed project proposal for regional provider counties referenced above.
3. Prepare Health Service Grant Application

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Letter of Intent due by December 5, 2005 for January 1, 2006 grants

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Applicants will be notified within two weeks from submission of Letter of Intent, or December 19, 2005.